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Lent Begins With Ash Wednesday, March 7

Lent is the season of forty days preceding Easter, not counting Sundays. The word 'Lent' is from the Anglo-Saxon *Lencten*, meaning spring. It is a period of fasting and of penitence observed in the church from very early times. By using these days for deepening the devotional life the faithful Christian is better prepared to enter into the sufferings of Christ which are particularly recalled during Holy Week, and also into the joyous triumph of Easter. For many centuries Lent has been a period used by the church for the preparation of those desiring baptism or confirmation at the Easter season.

W. T. Scott Jr., pastor of Central Church, Atlanta, suggests that we spend these 40 days and 40 nights in busy and active resistance to those forces within and without that "crucify Christ a-fresh" in this day and age. We cannot defeat these forces, but we do have the power of resistance.

Self-denial makes sense, if it is petition to the brother whom we have seen as well as the God whom we have not seen.

Suffering makes sense if it is suffering with and not holding oneself aloof from the weak, the poor and the deprived.

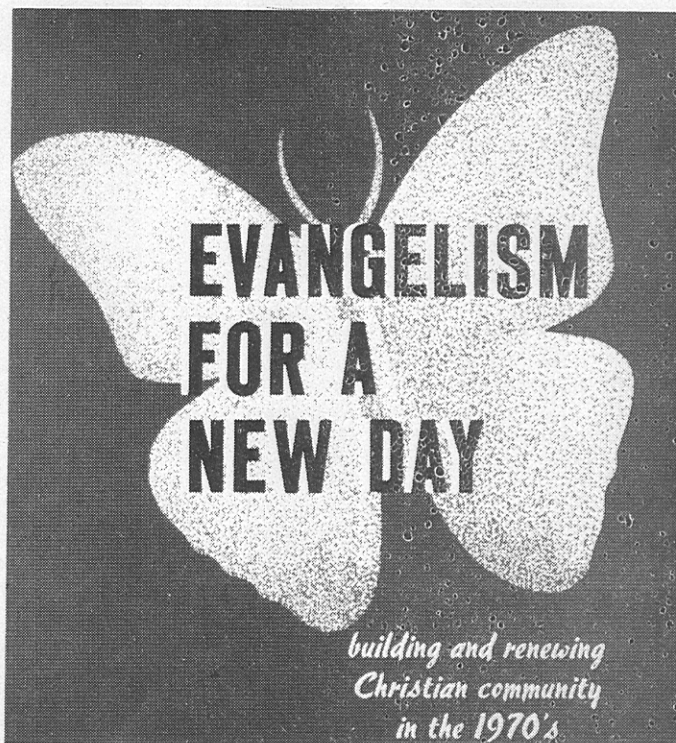
We do not come to Jerusalem or its suburbs as the morally pure attempting to keep our skirts clean, but as penitents with the power of the cross signed on our foreheads to resist the evil that is being done to our brother in whom we have seen the face of Christ.

OGHS Filmstrip Available

To supplement the 1973 materials for One Great Hour of Sharing-SOS, April 1, 1973, the newest filmstrip, *A HIDDEN WAR — A HIDDEN PEACE*, a commentary on the Sudan refugee situation, is available at the conference office.

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THE BIG "E" RETURNS



Evangelism has returned to center stage in the life of the church. Evangelism—the sharing of the good news—is what our faith is all about!

1. The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries calls for "action evangelism" centering in the local church and resulting in "new people who have been turned around—new behavior—new strength and growth—and new joy in the Lord of the church."

Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, of Huntsville, has been on the committee planning this "Word-in-Deed" Evangelism.

2. The Council for Lay Life and Work is offering guides for local **Faith Exploration** events which can form another response to the Faith Crisis, another possibility for local participation in the big "E". February 23 and 24, 1973, the first training for leaders, 12 from each of the three areas of the Southeast Conference will be held at Camp Calvin, near Atlanta, Ga.

3. Our United Church Board for World Ministries reminds us that evangelism is not a national issue, but a world-wide one. Copies of their working definition of

evangelism are available from the United Church Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

4. "Key 73" is the name of the interdenominational evangelistic emphasis to which over 130 denominations and groups have pledged their support. A lot seems to be depending on the specific plans being made in particular areas or regions of the country. Persons interested in learning more about U. C. C. participation in "Key 73" may contact Dr. David L. Beebe, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Glenwood at Third, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37404.

In the December issue of *COLLOQUY* Dr. Robert V. Moss, president of the United Church of Christ, challenges us all by saying, "the question for the church today is not whether to engage in evangelism but how to engage in it." The issue, a copy of which has been sent to every pastor of the U. C. C., contains major articles on evangelism. In truth, evangelism—the big "E"—has become one of the urgent concerns of the U. C. C.!

Funeral Service Held For Chaplain Bond

Funeral services for Chaplain Claude Bond, Retired, were held on December 7, 1972, in Montgomery, Alabama.

A native of Toccoa, Ga., Chaplain Bond was educated at the University of Georgia, Harvard, and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. Ordained in 1935, he entered parish ministry in New Hampshire. He became a chaplain in World War II, serving with the Eighth Air Force in England, Belgium, and Germany. After the war, he held parishes in Massachusetts.

In 1952 he went to Korea and won recognition from the Republic of Korea for his service to war orphans. Other assignments finally brought him to Maxwell, where he was Chief of the Chaplain Board when he retired in 1969 as Colonel.

Other awards for his service include: Bronze Star Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Chaplain Bond is survived by his wife Katharine Yow Bond; sons, Stephen and Richard.

Archie Bedford Had Useful Life

Archie Burns Bedford, 77, died at Glenway Lodge after a six-year illness. A native of Columbia, Mo., he was serving as pastor of Sharpsburg Presbyterian Church at the time of his illness.

Mr. Bedford was a minister of the Congregational and Christian Churches, having served as an active minister for over fifty years and holding pastorates in Cleveland, Ohio, Buffalo and Syracuse, N. Y., and Charleston, S. C., where he served six years.

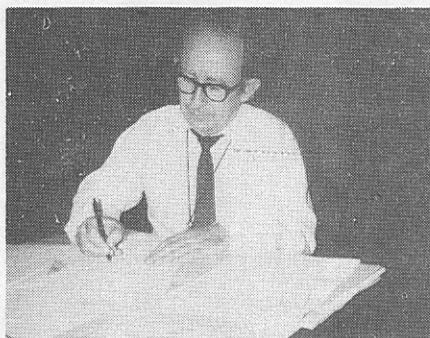
Mr. Bedford is survived by his wife, Violet Mitchell Bedford; two sons, A. Goff, Winchester, Ky., and Charles M. of Salina, Cal.

His wife continues to live on their farm in Winchester, Ky.

Slaters Continue Interim Pastorate At Langdale

The Arnold Slaters have returned home from a visit to their daughter in Colorado. For the next few months Mr. Slater will be serving as interim minister of our church in Langdale, Ala.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES ANNOUNCED:



REV. DONALD S. DAUGHTRY

Rev. Donald S. Daughtry, Associate Pastor at First Church, Atlanta, Ga., has been called to Beacon Ave. United Church of Christ, Seattle, Wash., as pastor. He assumes his new duties March 1.

Mr. Daughtry has served as associate minister at Atlanta, First, since July 1, 1967, after he and his wife Kathy served as short-term missionaries on two Pacific islands. He has been active in the life of Southeast Conference, being at present Moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Association.

Rev. Terry Clark resigned as pastor at Jones Chapel, Woodbury, Ga., on Sunday, Jan. 21, to become Associate Minister at United Church, LaGrange, Ga.

Rev. David I. Naglee, of the LaGrange College faculty, has been called as Senior Minister at United Church, LaGrange.

Mr. Norman Steinig, a retired Methodist leader, is serving the East Tallassee, Ala., Church while the church seeks a pastor.

Rev. Don Whitehead resigned at East Tallassee Church, effective December 17, 1972, after a pastorate of one and a half years, to become pastor of a new independent Baptist Church in Tallassee.

Events Planned For 1973

February 17 — Ladies' Night, Laymen's Fellowship, E. Ala. Assoc., Southern Union College, Wadley.

February 18 — Ordination of Artis Johnson, Bethany Church, Thomasville, Ga.

February 19 — East Ala. Ministers Assoc. Lanett, Ala.

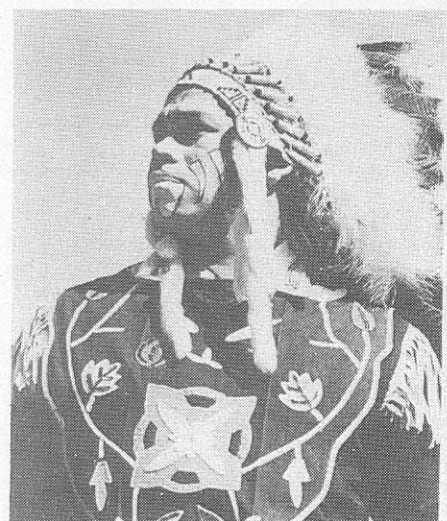
Feb. 23 and 24 — Faith Exploration Happening, Camp Calvin, near Atlanta, Ga.

March 2 — World Day of Prayer

March 2 and 3 — Exec. Council, Ga.-SC Assoc., First Church, Atlanta, Ga.

March 7 — Ash Wednesday and beginning

CHIEF NOC-A-HOMA AT BONANZA CHURCH



Chief Noc-A-Homa, mascot of the Atlanta Braves, was guest speaker at Bonanza United Church of Christ on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1972, at their 11 a. m. service. Chief, whose real name is Levi Walker, talked about his early childhood and the problems he encountered growing up on an Indian reservation.

The church received a special offering to be used by the United Church of Christ in helping solve problems confronting the American Indian. Refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall, where the Chief signed autographs for children and adults.

Lasseter Goes To North Carolina

Rev. Hugh Lasseter accepted the call of the Congregational Christian Church of Albermarle, N. C., and began his ministry there January 1, 1973.

Mr. Lasseter has served a number of churches in the Southeast Conference, notably the Robbins, Tenn., Parish, where he served three different times. He was instrumental in starting Bonanza Church, Jonesboro, Ga.,

of Lent.

March 10 — Southern Alabama Area Council, Holiday Inn, E. Montgomery, Ala.

March 11-13 — Conference on Evangelism, Columbus, Ohio.

March 11-14 — Protestant Health and Welfare Assembly, Atlanta, Ga.

March 16 — Board of Directors, Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

March 18 — Installation of Allen B. Hollis

**Miss Dora Brackin Of
Blackwood Church,
Headland, Is Honored**



One of the oldest (in terms of service) and most dedicated members of the Blackwood Church, Headland, Ala., and President of the Blackwood Community Club, Miss Dora Brackin received congratulations from the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service of Auburn University, Ralph R. Jones, for winning top honors among rural leaders in Southeast Alabama in the state's Resource and Leadership Development Program

May we add our congratulations to those already received from her multitude of friends?

PILGRIM CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA, AT ITS Annual Meeting, adopted a budget of \$46,293, which includes \$7,400 for Our Christian World Mission.

Jr., First Church, Nashville.
March 19 — E. Ala. Minis. Assoc.
March 25 — Ordination of B. L. Butler, First Church, Andalusia, Ala.

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Roanoke First C. C. Church Has Special Christmas Services

The First Congregational Christian Church of Roanoke observed Christmas with special services Sunday, Dec. 17, morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

The eleven o'clock service theme was "Christ, the Hope of the World," in the use of scripture and hymns.

On the altar of the church was an Advent wreath with four Advent candles, one of which was lighted each of the four Sundays in Advent. Autumn Leigh Yarbrough lighted the candles and then near the close of the service she passed the candle light to all of the congregation.

Lighting the candles each Sunday reminds us that Christ came to be the light of the world, and the passing of the light to the congregation signified that believers in Christ are to make known the light in the world.

The Vesper Service at 5:00 p. m. was planned by Mrs. David Tidwell and Miss Mary Lynn Adcock, around the manger scene. Posing as Mary was Autumn Yarbrough and as Joseph, Charles Dunson. Other children also participated. A feature of the service was the singing of Christmas carols.

After the evening service all members and visitors met in the fellowship hall for fellowship and refreshments. Rev. and Mrs. Joe A. French, our pastor and his wife were presented Christmas gifts — a lamp for their living room and a desk chair.

Florence Dollar

Funeral Held For Mrs. Murphy

Funeral was held at Oak Grove Church on Dec. 8 for Mrs. J. K. (Annette) Murphy who died Dec. 6, 1972. Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, pastor, was assisted by Dr. Frank McCook of LaGrange College.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by her husband, two children, a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Sharon.

Mr. Murphy is Coordinator of the Christian Education Commission of Southeast Conference and has served in summer camps and conferences in many ways.

Mrs. Murphy will be greatly missed, as she was a fine helpmate for her husband in the church.

ANDREW YOUNG ELECTED TO CONGRESS



Rev. Andrew Young, member of First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., and a ministerial member of the Georgia-South Carolina Association, was elected Nov. 7, 1972, to the United States Congress. He becomes Georgia's first Black congressman since Jefferson Long in 1870, and will be the representative from the 5th Congressional District.

Mr. Young served as pastor of the Bethany Church, Thomasville, and of the Evergreen Church, Beachton, Ga. He was an associate to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Elected from a district that contains more white voters than Black, Andrew Young enters politics at a crucial time in the life of these United States.

Nicaragua Earthquake

The earthquake which leveled Managua on December 22-23 brought a quick response from the Service Division, UCBWM. Within 24 hours of the earthquake, \$5,000 was authorized to care for wounded Nicaraguans. Gus Keuther, UCBWM missionary in Honduras, contacted Al Bartholomew at his home in Lancaster, Pa., through a ham radio network and outlined actions taken in Honduras to meet the needs of wounded evacuees from Nicaragua. The evacuees were placed in hospitals in Honduras as well as Costa Rica and other neighboring Central American countries.

Church World Service has issued an appeal for \$500,000 for the Nicaraguan earthquake disaster, most of which will be used in long-term rehabilitation and rebuilding. Of the \$500,000 requested from major Protestant and Orthodox Churches in the U. S., the United Church Board for World Ministries hopes to provide at least \$50,000.

Contributions by local churches marked "Nicaragua Disaster Relief" should be forwarded to the Southeast Conference Office, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329, for transmission to the Board for World Ministries.

Funeral Held For Leslie Beall

Funeral services for Leslie Beall, 2888 Mabry Rd., Atlanta, Ga., were held at Central Congregational Church Sunday, January 21, 1973. Rev. Wm. T. Scott officiated, assisted by Rev. Fred Meyer. Burial took place in Versailles, Indiana, on Monday afternoon, Jan. 22.

Mrs. Beall was survived by his wife, Doris Beall; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Reagan of California; a son, James R. Beall of Kenilworth, Ill.

An active member of the local church, as well as the church at large, Mr. Beall had served in a number of responsible positions. For several years Mr. Beall served as treasurer of the Southeast Conference, as well as being on a number of committees and boards. In the local church, he had served on most of the important boards and committees, being highly esteemed in all aspects of the church life. His presence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Beall was born July 3, 1894 and spent a number of years in real estate in Atlanta, having been semi-retired for several years.

Schultz Directs C. C. S. A.

The Rev. Larold K. Schulz, White Plains, N. Y., has been named executive director of the United Church of Christ Council for Christian Social Action. John C. Shinn, Washington, D. C., Council chairman, announced that Mr. Schulz will begin his new post Jan. 1.

Mr. Schulz has been active in church social action programs since 1963. From 1963 to 1966 he was on the staff of the Council for Christian Social Action and associate coordinator of the denomination's Committee for Racial Justice. From 1966 to 1968 he directed the anti-poverty task force of the National Council of Churches.

Since 1969 Mr. Schulz has conducted his own consulting firm on housing and urban affairs.

Recently the conference office received a letter from the Cumberland Medical Center, Mr. Robert C. Couch, Administra-

Center Writes Thanks For Luther Ballou Cumberland Medical

David Beebe Lists 10 Directions for Pilgrim, Chattanooga, For 1973

1. Complete calling on every member of our congregation.

2. Carefully revise our membership rolls.

3. Work with our church school superintendent, Wilbourne Markham, and with the teachers and Board of Christian Education to improve our church school.

4. The Steering Committee for our pilot project in race relations education will continue to meet and carefully consider and propose specific ways our church can participate in this area.

5. Work with our young people, and earnestly solicit help to share with the young people, the advisor, Don Harstern, in improving our youth program

6. Have some contact with the inter-faith "Last Resort" at U. T. C.; both because of my membership in United Ministries in Higher Education and also to seek to welcome college youth as well as professors to our church.

7. Have concern for our new Social Action Committee to propose and carry out specific projects this year, such as Income Tax Counseling, "The Great Decisions" program, Glenwood Neighborhood Association, the "First Offender" probation program, or concern for the relation between religion and public schools.

8. Become more aware through "moments of concern" of the important work which we support through our Christian World Mission giving.

9. Develop a visiting program in the church, not to ask for anything so much as for all to minister to each other.

10. Finally, I hope that while we take the work of the church seriously we will not take it gravely and that we will rejoice in what we do together in the service of the Father of Jesus Christ and of His and our fellowmen.

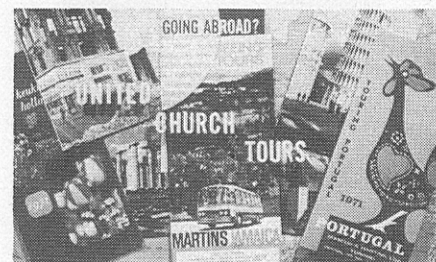
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tor, as follows:

"Rev. Luther Ballou has been doing an outstanding job here the past year as our official hospital chaplain. He spends more than 10 hours daily making rounds of the patients.

Rev. Ballou is very dedicated to his work and his presence is enjoyed not only by the patients but employees as well. We are hoping he will continue in this capacity for many years."

MORE TOURS THAN EVER IN 1973



In 1973, United Church Tours will offer a greater variety of tours than ever for you to choose from. Dates and destinations are as follows:

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July 2-20
Holy Land Summer Session
July 9-23
Europe and Holy Land
July 9-30
Europe and Russia
July 17 - August 7
Europe and Holy Land
August 1-20
Scandinavia and England
August 7-17
American Indian
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August 9-30
Africa and Holy Land
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